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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

For: STORAGE CONTROLLER AND

COMPUTER SYSTEM FOR MANAGING INFORMATION RELATED TO CONNECTION PORT

Customer No.: 20350

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 March 9, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 4, 2006, please enter the

following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.